



MEDIA RELEASE

THE DELUGE ARK(IVE)

BOOK LAUNCH | EXHIBITION | PERFORMANCE

Artist Nigel Helyer will launch his artist's book, exhibition and performance event at Moonah Arts Centre (MAC) on 16 and 17 November 2017.

The Deluge Ark(ive) is a story that starts thirteen thousand years ago when our ancestors were witness to a catastrophic event. Finally the ice began to melt; the oceans began to rise and the land to flood, an environmental apocalypse irrigating the myth-memory of human consciousness.

The Deluge Ark(ive) exhibition, opening at 6pm on 16 November, presents these Oceanic narratives as a series of sound-sculptures which in turn take their inspiration from a Novella written by the artist to explore the deep relationship we share with our marine origins.

The Deluge Ark(ive) performance, at 6pm on 17 November, is based on the Helyer's previous long-term (and on-going) collaborative relationship with scientists at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, and presents musical scores derived from bio-logging data collected by scientists at IMAS, from the extraordinary under-ice dives of Southern Elephant Seals in the Antarctic.

The performance uses heart rate and breathing data, as well as Oceanographic measurements to produce graphical music scores for the Sisongke Choir to interpret and perform.

In describing the project, artist Nigel Helyer says; "Our blood and our tears have the same salinity as the ocean. It is a reminder of the origin of all life on the planet and a warning that we share our well-being with our vast and indifferent mother."

Nigel Helyer's Artist Book will be available for purchase at Moonah Arts Centre, with a book signing on the evening of the performance.

Entry to the exhibition and performance is free. The exhibition opens 6pm Thurs 16 Nov, and the performance takes place 6pm Fri 17 Nov, all welcome.

You can reserve your free ticket to the performance and book signing at:
www.thedelugearkive.eventbrite.com.au

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MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

Please contact the Moonah Arts Centre to arrange photographs and interviews with the artist.

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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:

- Exhibition opening Thurs 16 Nov
- Exhibition runs 17 Nov – 16 Dec 2017
- Moonah Arts Centre, 23-27 Albert Road, Moonah
- Exhibition open from 10am-5pm Tuesday – Friday and 11am-3pm Saturdays
- Entry to the exhibition and performance is free
- Book your free ticket to the performance at: www.thedelugearkive.eventbrite.com.au



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